Group Art Unit Inventor(s): ESCH et al. Examiner: S. L. Hendrickson C 1200 'incli Appln. No.: 08 870,591 Attv. Dkt. 238397 Series Code ↑ Serial.No. ↑ Μ# June 6, 1997 Filed: Appln. Title: Precipitated Silicas Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 JUN 2 5 2002 Sir: REPLY/AMENDMENT/ Date: June 25, 2002

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim							
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3. Independent Claims	1	***minus	3	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
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10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c),					+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request add					+ \$180	F \$0	126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) + \$740/370						+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)					x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0	149/249
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14. Petition fee for						+ \$0	
15. TOTAL FEE =						\$110	
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Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 18 and 19 without prejudice.

Please add new claim 20 as follows:

The precipitated silica of claim 16, wherein said DBP/CTAB ratio is 1.545 to 3.5. -

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